

REMARKS

This application has carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 21, 2010. Claims 1, 3, 5 to 12 and 15 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5 to 12 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,336,045 (Brooks) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,736 (Takahashi). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the telephonic interview conducted on December 7, 2010. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed to withdraw the outstanding rejections. Such action is courteously solicited.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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